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In re application of:  
Clayton Jay Allen et al      **DECISION ON PETITION**  
Serial No.: 09/847,446  
Filed: May 2, 2001  
For: **STEEL FRAME STRESS  
REDUCTION CONNECTION**

This is a decision on the petition received on April 21, 2003, to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. 1.113 in timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed July 2, 2001. Which set a shortened statutory period for reply of two (2) months. Accordingly, this application became abandoned September 5, 2001. The Notice of Abandonment was mailed on April 2, 2003.

On April 21, 2003, the office received a communication from the attorney of record. Enclosed was an acknowledgement that the attorney responded to the Notice to File Corrected Application papers on July 2, 2001.

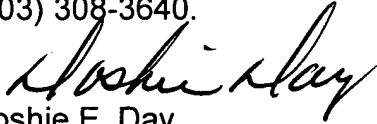
The evidence submitted is sufficient to establish that the petitioners responded to the Notice of Missing Parts on July 2, 2001.

The petition is hereby Granted.

The application has been completed for release to Technology Center 3635.

The office regrets any inconvenience this may have caused the client.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Doshie E. Day".

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